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Jeannette Marks

THE BROKEN DOOR

This is the place! I know
The broken door, the ragged bed of bloom
Where poppies grow,
Row after row.

This is the place.
A year ago her footprint
Marked the garden path
With tender hollow.

But now?
Time's step is slow to follow.

Jeannette Marks

PURPLE

A pigeon walking dainty in the street;
The morning mist where backyard fences meet;
An old Victoria—and in it, proud,
An old, old woman, ready for her shroud:
These are the purple sights for me,
Not palaces nor pageantry.

Margaret Steele Anderson